मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया)

(क) गुजरात में आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड योजना के अन्तर्गत, प्राथमिक स्कूलों में पठन-पाठन सामग्री उपलब्ध कराने तथा द्वितीय शिक्षक की नियुक्ति के लक्ष्यों को हासिल कर लिया गया है। अतिरिक्त कक्षाओं के निर्माण का लक्ष्य अभी हासिल करना है।

(ख) इस विभाग द्वारा जिलावार सूचना एकत्रित नहीं की जाती है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) वर्ष 1987-88 से आरंभ की गई आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड योजना के कार्यान्वयन से ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के प्राथमिक स्कूलों की मूलभूत सुविधाओं में उल्लेखनीय सुधार हुआ है।

(ङ) जी, नहीं।

National Youth Policy

1931. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether a National Youth Policy envisaging youth development centres in villages and a National Perspective Plan for youth has been finalished;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement and enforce the policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. R. Bommai): (a) to (c) Sir, a need has been felt to re-formulate the existing National Youth Policy with a view to making it more need-based for all round development of youth in India on the one hand, and to establish a national perspective plan to meet the demands of the youth on the other and action for the same has already been initiated.

Leakage of IIT-JEE, Papers

1932. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that question papers of IIT-JEE, 1997 have been leaked out and a re-exam is going to be conducted by his Ministry;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed and any action has been taken against officials who were involved in this incident; and

(c) what specific steps his Ministry will take to prevent such leak-outs so that students are not put to inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) There was a leakage in the question papers for IIT-JEE 1997. The examination was cancelled and held afresh on 19th and 20th July 1997. The CBI has been entrusted with the task of investigating the alleged leakages. The investigation is not yet over.

Propagation of Sanskrit

1933. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a number of steps to propagate Sanskrit throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit has not been included in the curriculum of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to introduce study of Sanskrit language in JNU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Government have formulated various schemes/ programmes for the development of Sanskrit language. These schemes/ programmes are being implemented through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, two Deemed Universities and the State Governments.

(b) to (d) The Centre for Indian Languages and the Centre for Linguistics and English of the School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University have shown adequate interest in Sanskrit being included as one of the languages for studies in the Centres and creation of two faculty positions for teaching Sanskrit in each of these Centres has already been included in the 9th Plan proposals.

Revamping of Blackboard Scheme

1934. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the revamped Blackboard Scheme atleast fifty per cent of the teachers recruited should be women throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the provision is being implemented in its entirely in all the States and Union Territories, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to ensure that provision is implemented in toto by the States and UTs.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Under the Expanded Operation Blackboard all States have been advised to appoint atleast 50% women teachers.

(c) According to available information, 41.6% of teachers appointed in the country under Operation Blackboard are women. In Maharashtra this proportion is 36%

(d) The implementation of the scheme in different States is being monitored regularly by the Department.

Orientation Programme for Girls

1935. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise Orientation Programmes for girls in every professional course to suitably motivate and guide them about the schemes and opportunities available to them; and

(b) the other steps proposed to encourage and facilitate greater involvement of women at all levels?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) There are training and placement Cells in almost all the technical institutions to guide students on opportunities available to them and help them in placement.

(b) The Constitution of India not only grants equality to women but also empowers the States to adopt measures of positive discrimination in favour of women. Government has enacted legislations to protect women against social discrimination, violence and atrocities, to prevent social evils and for greater representation of women in local bodies. It has been creating an enabling